REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 26, 2003 (Paper No. 16). Claims 1 to 21, 23, 24, 27 to 30, 32, 33 and 36 to 38 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 29 and 38 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 21, 23, 24, 27 to 30, 32, 33 and 36 to 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,291,302 (Gordon). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to information processing in which a user can set a command to be executed when designated processing occurs. A user is able to designate a name for an object information, and then designate a process to be performed for the object information. In advance of performing this designated process, the user is able to set up a command to be executed when the designated process is performed. For example, a user may set up a command for issuing a notification that the process is completed. The present invention detects that the designated process has been performed and then executes the command that was set up by the user in advance. In this way, the user can easily set up, in advance, commands to perform certain actions once a designated processing has occurred.

With specific reference to the claims, independent Claim 1 recites an information processing apparatus that comprises identification name designation means for designating by a user an identification name related to object information, and process designation means for designating by the user a process for the object information. The

apparatus further comprises setup means for setting up by the user in advance of performing the process, a command to be executed when the process designated by the process designation means is performed on the object information related to the identification name designated by the identification name designation means. The apparatus also comprises detection means for detecting that the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name, and execution means for executing the command set up by the setup means when the detection means detects that the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name.

Independent Claims 10 and 19 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, that correspond generally to the apparatus of independent Claim 1.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or suggest the features of independent Claims 1, 10 and 19, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the features of setting up by the user in advance of performing the process, a command to be executed when the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name, and executing the command that was set up when it is detected that the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name.

Gordon relates to a facsimile communications and method. Gordon is seen to teach that an originating machine 1 transmits fax document image data, and a Store and Forward Facility (SAFF) stores the originating machine's identification, a destination machine's telephone number, a fax format, and the document image data (column 7, lines

4-13). The SAFF then generates an "Acceptance Record" of the transaction and begins to deliver the fax message to the destination machine (column 7, lines 15-20).

In addition Gordon is seen to teach that when delivery is successful a "Delivery Record" is sent to the originating SAFF and then to the originating machine 1 (column 9, lines 1-15). If the destination machine's line is busy or the delivery fails, a "Retry Record" is sent back to the SAFF and then to the originating machine 1 (column 9, lines 16-40).

Gordon further teaches that a user can key in a Message Code when they select the "failed-connection message disposition" choice. The user is then presented with a menu of disposition options to select with a keypad (column 10, lines 3-17). The Office Action contends that this disclosure of Gordon corresponds to the present invention's setup means.

However, as currently amended, the present invention executes a command when a designated processing is performed, wherein the executed command is setup in advance of performing the designated process. The disposition menu of Gordon is seen to only allow the user to select a disposition after a failed facsimile connection.

Furthermore, since Gordon's disposition options are available after the facsimile processing has occurred, Gordon is not seen to teach executing a command that was set up by the use in advance, when it is detected that the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name.

As such, Gordon is not seen to disclose or suggest setting up by the user in advance of performing the process, a command to be executed when the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name, and

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executing the command that was set up when it is detected that the designated process is performed on the object information related to the designated identification name.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

According to another aspect of the present invention, independent Claim 20 recites an information processing apparatus that comprises identification name designation means for designating by a user an identification name related to a first process, a performance of which is employed as an execution condition for a second process to be performed. The apparatus further comprises setup means for setting up by the user in advance of performing the first process, together with the identification name related to the first process, the second process that is to be performed when the first process related to the identification name designated by the identification name designation means has been performed. The apparatus also comprises detection means for detecting that the first process related to the identification name designated by the identification name designation means has been performed, and execution means for performing, when the detection means detects that the first process has been performed, the second process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process.

Independent Claims 29 and 38 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, that correspond generally to the apparatus of independent Claim 20.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or suggest the features of independent Claims 20, 29 and 38, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the features of setting up by the user in advance of performing the first process, together with

the identification name related to the first process, the second process that is to be performed when the first process related to the designated identification name has been performed, and performing, when it is detected that the first process has been performed, the second process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process.

Referring to the remarks above, Gordon is seen to teach the use of a disposition menu after a facsimile has failed. Gordon is also, therefore, not seen to teach allowing a user to set up a second process in advance, where the second process is to be performed when it is detected that the first process has been performed.

As such, Gordon is not seen to disclose or suggest setting up by the user in advance of performing the first process, together with the identification name related to the first process, the second process that is to be performed when the first process related to the designated identification name has been performed, and performing, when it is detected that the first process has been performed, the second process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process.
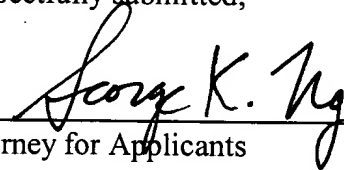
Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 20, 29 and 38 are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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